AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 0031 as follows:

[0031] Each of the returns 22 of the reinforcement element 20 extends transversely toward the inside with respect to the U-shaped portion, <u>beneath the intermediary sole</u>, so as to abut against the edges 58 of the element 50 for reinforcing the bottom assembly in the area of the plantar arch zone while leaving a clearance between approximately 0 and 5 millimeters.